

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION**

In The Estate of GRAHAM SHEPPARD (deceased), died 24 August 2005

Claimant IAN ROBERT SHEPPARD

Defendant MARGARET JANE SHEPPARD

WITNESS STATEMENT

I, IAN ROBERT SHEPPARD of 42B Queens Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 8LR, the Claimant in this claim, state that I have no knowledge of any document –

- (i) being or purported to be or having the form or effect of a will or codicil of GRAHAM SHEPPARD whose estate is the subject of this claim;
- (ii) being or purporting to be a draft or written instructions for any such will or codicil made by or at the request of or under the instructions of the deceased;
- (iii) being or purporting to be evidence of the contents or a copy of any such will or codicil which is alleged to have been lost or destroyed,

except:

1. Will dated 2 August 2005

The Claimant is not in possession of the original, which will be lodged with the Probate Registry. The Claimant was provided with a copy (attached) by the Defendant. It was conceded by the Defendant on 15 March 2005, before Master Bowles, that the Will of 2 August 2005 was in fact invalid for lack of due execution.

2. Will dated 12 October 2004

The Claimant is not in possession of the original. It is believed that the original is in the possession of the Defendant. The Defendant supplied the Claimant with a copy of the original (attached). The Claimant contends that this will is also invalid for lack of due execution, as the deceased and the witnesses were in different parts of the country at the time the Defendant claims the will was executed.

3. Earlier Will

The Claimant is aware that there was an earlier will from 2002. This will was made before the Defendant and the deceased married (3 April 2004), and not in contemplation of marriage. The Defendant has the original of this will.

I believe that the facts in this witness statement are true

Signed: *Ian Sheppard*
Name: IAN ROBERT SHEPPARD

Date: 18 May 2007